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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 08/803,954

Filing Date: August 29, 2001

First Named Inventor: Keith E. LANGLEY

Group Art Unit: 1647

Examiner: Robert C. Hayes

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Attorney Docket Number: 06843.0009-08000

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
 - ii. Other Response After Final filed on August 7, 2003
- b. Enclosed:
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply | iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other _____

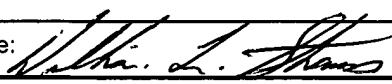
3. Fees

- a. The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Petition for extension of time for (3 Months) \$950.00
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$1,720.00 is enclosed.
- c. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: William L. Strauss

Reg. No.: 47,114

Signature: 

Date: November 18, 2003

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In re Application of:)
Keith E. LANGLEY et al.) Group Art Unit: 1647
Application No.: 08/803,954) Examiner: Robert C. Hayes
Filed: August 29, 2001)
For: METALLOPROTEINASE)
INHIBITOR)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

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